

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Lake, on February 16, 2009 at 9:00
A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Art Noonan (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 540, 2/11/2009; SB 132,
2/11/2009; SB 198, 2/11/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:05 Sen. Lynda Moss (D), SD 26, opened the hearing on
SB 132, Clarify taxpayer confidentiality and exchange
of info laws among state agencies.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:07 Gene Walborn, Administrator, Business and Income Taxes
Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

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00:17:30 Judy Hanson, Administrator, Permit and Compliance
Division, Department of Environmental Quality

00:18:42 Dick Clark, Chief Information Officer, State of Montana

00:19:22 Jorge Quintana, Legal Counsel, Secretary of State

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:27 Rep. Stahl

00:21:05 Mr. Walborn

00:21:21 Rep. Stahl

00:21:50 Mr. Walborn

00:22:14 Ms. Hanson

00:22:21 Rep. Stahl

00:22:52 Ms. Hanson

00:23:06 Rep. McAlpin

00:23:25 Mr. Walborn

00:24:16 Rep. McAlpin

00:24:23 Mr. Walborn

00:24:27 Rep. Hoven

00:24:45 Mr. Walborn

00:26:39 Rep. Stahl

00:26:55 Mr. Walborn

00:28:07 Rep. Taylor

00:28:34 Mr. Quintana
00:28:41 Rep. Taylor
00:28:48 Mr. Quintana
00:29:05 Rep. Taylor
00:29:19 Mr. Walborn
00:29:41 Rep. Taylor
00:30:07 Mr. Walborn
00:30:37 Chairman Lake
00:30:59 Mr. Walborn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:27 Sen. Moss

00:32:49 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:54 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on
SB 198, Tax biomass generation facilities up to 25
megawatts as class 14 property.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:36 Ellen Simpson, Montana Wood Products Association,
Montana Logging Association
00:38:09 Robert Johnson, Montana AFL-CIO
00:38:58 Ron Devlin, Sun Mountain Lumber

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:18 Rep. Stahl
00:41:00 Rep. Lewis
00:41:20 Rep. Stahl
00:41:35 Rep. Lewis
00:42:10 Rep. Hoven
00:42:33 Mr. Devlin
00:44:10 Rep. Hoven
00:44:22 Mr. Devlin
00:45:10 Rep. Vincent
00:46:18 Ms. Simpson
00:47:10 Rep. Jopek

00:47:52 Mr. Devlin
00:50:02 Rep. Miller
00:50:22 Mr. Devlin
00:51:30 Rep. Miller
00:51:46 Mr. Devlin
00:52:52 Rep. Butcher
00:53:30 Ms. Simpson
00:54:43 Chairman Lake
00:54:56 Rep. Butcher
00:55:41 Ms. Simpson
00:56:36 Rep. Butcher
00:56:56 Rep. Barrett
00:57:47 Mr. Devlin
00:58:05 Rep. Barrett
00:58:24 Mr. Devlin
00:58:55 Rep. Hoven
00:59:22 Sen. Lewis
01:00:28 Chairman Lake
01:00:39 Rep. Wiseman
01:01:22 Sen. Lewis
01:01:30 Rep. Wiseman
01:02:12 Sen. Lewis
01:02:44 Rep. Wiseman
01:03:18 Sen. Lewis
01:05:32 Rep. Wiseman
01:06:22 Sen. Lewis
01:06:37 Chairman Lake
01:07:19 Sen. Lewis
01:07:50 Rep. Noonan
01:09:11 Sen. Lewis
01:09:22 Rep. Noonan
01:09:44 Sen. Lewis
01:10:27 Rep. Noonan
01:11:12 Chairman Lake
01:11:15 Rep. Noonan
01:11:52 Chairman Lake
01:12:14 Rep. Wiseman
01:12:42 Rep. Vincent
01:12:57 Chairman Lake
01:13:05 Rep. Noonan
01:13:43 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:54 Sen. Lewis

01:14:26 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

HEARING ON HB 540

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:14:57 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on
HB 540, Alternative energy tax credit.

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Proponents' Testimony:

01:20:47 Paul Arnot, Citizen

01:29:57 David Scrimm, Citizen

01:37:08 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

01:39:54 Tom Altmaier, AARP Montana

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01:41:08 Orion Thornton, Independent Power Systems

01:44:18 Kyla Wiens, Montana Environmental Information Center

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:24 Chairman Lake read into the record a letter from the
Governor's Budget and Program Planning Office.

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:45:50 Rep. Butcher

01:46:10 Rep. Wilmer

01:46:21 Rep. Butcher

01:47:22 Rep. Wilmer

01:48:04 Rep. Hoven

01:48:22 Rep. Wilmer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:43 Rep. Wilmer

01:49:56 Chairman Lake closed the hearing.

01:50:29 Break

02:05:06 Reconvene

02:05:34 Terry Johnson, Principal Legislative Fiscal Analyst,
Legislative Fiscal Division, presented an overview of
the latest revenue estimate.

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02:11:49 Rep. Sonju
02:11:52 Mr. Johnson
02:16:44 Rep. Wiseman
02:17:06 Mr. Johnson
02:18:33 Rep. Barrett
02:18:53 Mr. Johnson
02:19:20 Rep. Wiseman
02:19:40 Chairman Lake
02:20:27 Mr. Johnson
02:25:11 Chairman Lake
02:25:15 Rep. Butcher
02:26:06 Mr. Johnson
02:26:32 Chairman Lake
02:26:48 Mr. Johnson
02:26:53 Chairman Lake
02:27:07 Rep. Butcher
02:27:35 Mr. Johnson
02:28:21 Rep. Miller
02:29:07 Mr. Johnson
02:31:04 Rep. Jopek
02:32:43 Mr. Johnson
02:33:41 Rep. Jopek
02:34:12 Mr. Johnson
02:35:11 Rep. Jopek
02:36:14 Mr. Johnson
02:37:06 Rep. Noonan
02:38:09 Mr. Johnson
02:38:47 Chairman Lake
02:39:12 David Ewer, Budget Director, Governor's Office
02:42:06 Rep. Jopek
02:42:30 Rep. Stahl
02:43:19 Mr. Ewer
02:44:55 Chairman Lake
02:45:22 Rep. Barrett
02:45:59 Mr. Johnson
02:47:10 Chairman Lake
02:48:02 Rep. Jopek
02:48:44 Chairman Lake

ADJOURNMENT

02:49:28 Adjournment: 11:50 A.M.

Jennifer O'Loughlin, Secretary

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EXHIBIT ([tah36aad.pdf](#))